



# SECRETS OF THE GREAT WAR

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Various institutions, businesses, and governmental organization around Prince George are commemorating the hundredth anniversary of Canada's involvement in World War I which also known as "the Great War". The Great War was one of the bloodiest skirmishes in all of recorded history due to the increase in technological warfare, but despite all the documented statistics and facts, Canada's involvement in the Great War contains various curiosities and influence.

For one, the term "the Great War" was believed to first be used by the popular Canadian magazine publication, MacLean's, in their October 1914 edition. This discovery came to light during a project lead by the Oxford English Dictionary which tracks and identifies the origins or words, terms, and phrases. According to Katherine Martin, head of Oxford's U.S. dictionaries program, World War I had been referenced as "great," by various publications and officials, but the Maclean's "Great War" reference is "the earliest found that is clearly intended to be a name for the war, rather than a description of it." Martin later went on to explain that "the author had posterity in mind."their office hours to explain your situation.

Another tidbit of controversy is the historical claims that Anglo-Canada emerged from the allied victory and grown disillusioned by the commonwealth and British nationalism. Phillip Buckner, a Great War historian, explains that most English-speaking Canadians "continued to believe that Canada was, and should continue to be, a 'British' nation and that it should cooperate with the other members of the British family in the British Commonwealth of Nations." Franco-Canadians however never believed this in the first place, so it wasn't always about Canadian nationalism.